

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND CLAIMS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Dave Lewis, on February 15, 2011 at 5:00 P.M., in Room 317  
Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Dave Lewis, Chair (R)  
Sen. Rick Ripley, Vice Chair (R)  
Sen. Debby Barrett (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Edward Buttrey (R)  
Sen. Mary Caferro (D)  
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Bob Hawks (D)  
Sen. Llew Jones (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Jason Priest (R)  
Sen. Jon Sonju (R)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Carol Williams (D)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Taylor Brown (R)  
Sen. Alan Olson (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Debra Polhemus, Committee Secretary  
Taryn Purdy, Legislative Branch

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##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 271, 2/8/2011  
Executive Action: SB 271, SB 224, SB 13, SB 198, SB 227, SB 84, SB 231

**HEARING ON SB 271**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:27 Sen. Steven Gallus (D), SD 37, opened the hearing on SB 271, Revising elements of the budgeting process for the PSC.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:02:36 Bill Gallagher, Chairman, Public Service Commission (PSC)

00:03:47 Bonnie Lorang, General Manager, Montana Independent Telecommunication Systems (MITS)

**EXHIBIT(fcs37a01)**

00:06:45 Chairman Lewis

00:06:58 Bonnie Lorang, MITS

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:** None

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:08:16 Sen. Gallus

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 13**

00:08:45 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 13 DO PASS.**

00:09:11 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 13 BE AMENDED.**

**EXHIBIT(fcs37a02)**

**Discussion:**

00:10:22 Sen. Hamlett

00:10:51 Sen. Buttrey

00:11:28 Sen. Williams

00:12:19 Sen. Brenden

00:14:06 Sen. Williams

00:14:43 Sen. Brenden

00:15:45 Sen. Hawks

00:17:12 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzonried and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest and Sen. Walker voted by proxy. Sen. Zinke abstained from vote.

00:18:56 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 13 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:19:05 Sen. Gallus  
00:21:06 Sen. Hamlett  
00:22:03 Sen. Williams  
00:23:37 Sen. Brenden

00:23:50 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest and Sen. Walker voted by proxy. Sen. Zinke abstained from vote.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 84**

00:25:47 **Motion:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 84 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:25:57 Sen. Brenden  
00:27:12 Sen. Hamlett  
00:27:28 Sen. Brenden  
00:27:46 Sen. Hamlett  
00:28:00 Sen. Brenden  
00:28:11 Sen. Barrett  
00:29:08 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:29:42 Chairman Lewis  
00:30:13 Sen. Brenden  
00:30:33 Sen. Hawks  
00:31:38 Sen. Brenden

00:31:51 **Vote:** Motion failed 6-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Brenden, Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Jones, Sen. Lewis, Sen. Priest and Sen. Sonju voting aye. Sen. Olson and Sen. Priest voted by proxy. Sen. Brown, Sen. Walker, and Sen. Zinke abstained from vote. Sen. Wanzenried moved to reverse the vote and table SB 84, without objection from the committee.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 271**

00:34:30 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Gallus moved **DO PASS SB 271.** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote of those present and voting.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 198**

00:35:22 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 198 DO PASS.**

00:35:33 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 198 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs37a03)**

**Discussion:**

00:36:09 Sen. Buttrey  
00:36:22 Sen. Hawks  
00:36:59 Sen. Buttrey

00:37:28 Motion carried by voice vote with Sen. Wanzenried, Sen. Williams, Sen. Hawks and Sen. Caferro voting no and Sen. Williams voting by proxy.

00:37:51 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 198 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:38:01 Sen. Wanzenried

00:38:48 **Vote:** Motion carried 11-8 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Sonju, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Walker, Sen. Williams and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 227**

00:40:25 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 227 DO PASS.**

00:40:53 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 227 BE AMENDED.**  
**EXHIBIT(fcs37a04)**

00:42:03 **Vote:** Motion carried by voice vote with Sen. Wanzenried, Sen. Keane, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hamlett, and Sen. Williams voting no, and Sen. Williams voting by proxy. Without objection from the committee, Chairman Lewis acknowledged that the motion had carried.

00:42:37 **Motion:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 227 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

00:42:47 Sen. Hawks  
00:43:21 Sen. Buttrey  
00:43:54 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:46:27 Sen. Ripley  
00:46:53 Sen. Wanzenried  
00:47:39 Sen. Hamlett  
00:48:22 Sen. Sonju  
00:49:07 Sen. Barrett  
00:49:44 Sen. Jones  
00:50:56 Sen. Buttrey  
00:51:41 Sen. Hawks

00:52:46 **Vote:** Motion carried 14-5 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Walker, Sen. Williams and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 231**

00:54:29 **Motion:** Sen. Hamlett moved that **SB 231 DO PASS**.

**Discussion:**

00:54:47 Sen. Brenden

00:55:58 Sen. Caferro

00:56:40 Sen. Brenden

00:57:26 Sen. Hamlett

00:58:48 **Vote:** Motion failed 8-10 by roll call vote with Sen. Buttrey, Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting aye. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Walker and Sen. Williams voted by proxy. Without objection from the committee, Sen. Buttrey moved to reverse the vote and table the bill.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 224**

01:01:02 **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Buttrey moved that **SB 224 DO PASS**. Motion carried 12-7 by roll call vote with Sen. Caferro, Sen. Gallus, Sen. Hamlett, Sen. Hawks, Sen. Keane, Sen. Wanzenried and Sen. Williams voting no. Sen. Brown, Sen. Olson, Sen. Priest, Sen. Walker, Sen. Williams and Sen. Zinke voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 6:10 P.M.

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Debra Polhemus, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fcs37aad.pdf](#))